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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 054422 ACTION NEW DELHI, DACCA, LONDON,
ISLAMABAD, USUN NEW YORK, MARCH 23 RD:

QUOTE

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E. O. 11652, GDS

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SUBJ: SOUTH ASIA NEGOTIATIONS

1. BRITISH POL COUNSELOR (MOBERLY) HAS TOLD US UK
HICOMERS IN ISLAMABAD, DELHI AND DACCA HAVE RECENTLY
RECEIVED SEVERAL ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT SOUTH ASIA
IMPASSE MAY BE BREAKING, AT LEAST PARTIALLY.

2. TALKS IN DELHI AT MEA SUGGESTED INDIANS MAY BE
THINKING OF PARTIAL RELEASE OF PAK POWS. INDIAN
SOURCES ADDED THAT SINCE PREVIOUS EFFORTS BY UK AND
OTHERS TO SYNCHRONIZE RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM OF PAK
POWS, BENGALIEE DETAINEES AND PAK RECOGNITION OF
BANGLADESH HAD FAILED, ALTERNATE APPROACH OF TRYING TO
SET PROCESS IN MOTION BY UNILATERAL MOVES MIGHT SEEM APPRO-
PRIATE. INDIANS ALSO SPOKE OF GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON
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MUJIB' S PART REGARDING WAR CRIMES TRIALS IN WAKE OF
ELECTION VICTORY.

3. IN DACCA, NEW BANGLADESH FONMIN KAMAL HOSSEIN
SHOWED SOMEWHAT LESS RIGID POSITION IN SESSION WITH UK
HICOMER, AND ALLUDED TO POSSIBLE GESTURE ON PART
BENGALIEES TO BREAK ICE. ALSO REPORT FROM ISLAMABAD
OF SESSION WITH BHUTTO INDICATED SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE
STANCE WITH REGARD TO RECOGNITION. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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